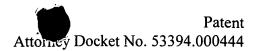
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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

2 The present invention relates to methods for attaching mechanical fasteners to absorbent

- 3 articles using slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesives under conditions sufficient to result in a
- 4 mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 50 min/kg.
- 5 Preferred mechanical fasteners include hook-type fastener tabs. The present invention provides
- an efficient, reliable method for attaching mechanical fasteners to absorbent articles which is
- 7 superior to previous techniques. The present invention also relates to absorbent articles produced
- 8 by the described method.

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